

17 July 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Research and Reports

ATTENTION : [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

SUBJECT : Evaluation [REDACTED] 25X1X6

REFERENCE : K-5641

1. In order to assist us in evaluating the source, we would appreciate any comments you can supply on the specific items of information given below. We are concerned both with the reliability of the information and as to whether this information might have been obtained from overt sources rather than through personal experience and observation. Therefore we would like comments not only as to any confirmation of the alleged facts, but also as to whether such confirmation lies in open sources or in intelligence reports.

2. Information supplied by subject source, and for which we have not found confirmation, includes:

a. Secret factories, locally known as "secret fabrik" are being built 30 kilometers southwest of Angarsk. These factories and Angarsk city were being built at the same time.

b. An oil pipeline was laid in Ufa city to transport raw petroleum to these factories.

25X1X6 c. In 1948, [REDACTED] to work in "No. 16 Combine," which was a chemical factory and refinery. Many chemical substances, benzine, naphthalene, nilyoin (sic), lubricating oil, S202, nitroglycerine and methanol gas were produced. Source was [REDACTED] in the construction of the factory, not within the factory itself, prisoners not being allowed inside the factory. Unidentified chemical substances produced a very bad odor and all the workers plugged their noses to keep out this odor. The forest near the factory had begun to dry up. Large mobile tanks, which could be taken to another place by train after they were filled, were nearby. A drunken friend told source the installation was a nuclear factory.

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d. In 1953 a place called Maysk was being built near Angarsk. A sub-railway line was being built from Dzhukhorskaya railway station around Angarsk. In 1957 there was a great deal of construction at this railway station. [REDACTED] aluminum combines and other factories were to be built there.

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3. We have already established the reliability of general items in information from this source concerning the location of Irkutsk, the hydroelectric generating station on the Angara River, a large airplane factory on the outskirts of Irkutsk along the railroad from Moscow, a factory called "Zakhot Kuybishev," a railway station called "Betargnaya" and Angarsk, a new town 30 kilometers northeast of Irkutsk. With respect to the specific items in paragraph 2 above, we note that the secret factories must, from source's location, be in or near Irkutsk, and other reports have mentioned secret factories in this area (item a) and we have been able to confirm the completion of the pipeline from Bashkir to Angarsk (item b).

4. Please note that this is the same item of business about which I talked [REDACTED] week, suggesting a personal conference. However after further consideration here, it was decided that this memorandum might prove a more expeditious manner of handing the matter. If complications arise, the personal conference will still be available. Please refer any questions on this case to me.

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